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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PFOR, PROP, CS, NU

SUBJECT: NOVEDADES ATTACKS MRS. CARTER'S VISIT TO COSTA RICA

1. SOMOZA FAMILY NEWSPAPER NOVEDADES PUBLISHED ON MAY 27 AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "COSTA RICA, CENTRAL AMERICAN WATERGATE" WHICH ATTACKS CORRUPTION IN COSTA RICAN POLITICS AND VISIT OF MRS. CARTER TO THAT COUNTRY. THE EDITORIAL RAILED AGAINST THE "IMMORALITY" AND "PROSTITUTED ENVIRONMENT" OF COSTA RICA, AND REFERRING TO A RUMOR THAT VESCO MIGHT COME TO NICARAGUA IF EXPELLED FROM COSTA RICA, IT STATED THAT "WE CAREGORICALLY DENY THA, BE- CAUSE OUR COUNTRY IS NOT A REFUGE FOR GANSTERS AND INTERNATIONAL SWINDLERS." IT THEN ASKED HOW PRESIDENT CARTER COULD ALLOW HIS WIFE TO BE THE GUEST OF A GOVERNMENT SUNK IN SCANDAL AND CORRUPTION AND CONCLUDED THAT THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES "CANNOT TAKE THAT VISIT AS A GOOD AUGURY."

2. COMMENT: NOVEDADES' OUTBURST REFLECTS THE GON'S JEALOUSY OF  
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COSTA RICA'S DEMOCRATIC REPUTATION. THE EDITORIAL REPRESENTS AN ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT THAT REPUTATION AND TO EXPOSE WHAT IT VIEWS AS INCONSISTENCIES IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, I.E., CONCERN WITH THE CONDITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN NICARAGUA BUT NOT WITH "CORRUPTION" IN COSTA RICA.

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